

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 15 as follows:

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Much of what is disclosed in this application is also disclosed in commonly assigned application Serial No. [] 09/618,507, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Improved Call Setup in a Multimedia Packet Network" filed on the same date as the present application, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 18 as follows:

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FIG. 1 illustrates a typical TDM, PSTN call. Caller 101 places a call to callee 105. The call goes through end office A, 102, over some type of trunk bearer channel to toll office 103, then to end office B, ~~105~~ 104, and finally to the callee. Such calls may pass through multiple toll offices, or may be connected directly from one end office to another. In any case, a path of circuits for the call is maintained throughout the call. Signaling between offices is typically provided by an ISUP (ISDN user part) connection. ISUP signaling is well understood and is standard in the telecommunications industry. For more information on ISUP signaling, see the various International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Recommendations pertaining to telephone signaling, including Q.761, Q.764 and Q.931, the most recent versions of which at the time of filing this application are incorporated herein by reference.